

'ROUND ABOUT US.

NEWSY ITEMS GATHERED UP BY THE BANNER'S STAFF OF SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondence for the BANNER is solicited from all towns and points of interest within twenty-five miles. Write plainly, on one side of paper only, and make items brief and to the point. It is the news we are after. Mail so as to reach our office by Monday night.

GRATTAN.

Oliver Jakeway, of Lakeview, is with his uncle, Chas. Jakeway.

Rev. M. P. Smith gave an impressive sermon at Ashley, Sunday, from Rev. 8:20.

Squires' band, of Grand Rapids, played for a party at Madison's hall, April 26th.

Mrs. Electa Tower, of Grand Rapids, is better and Mrs. John Emmons has returned home.

The general influenza does not abate. Wm. C. Slayton and wife and Mrs. Austin Slayton are the latest victims.

J. A. Lessiter has a hard cold with catarrh and their little daughter, Bernice, has the same with symptoms of mumps. The mumps are also in J. I. Weekes' family.

Mrs. Mary Stewart, of Kalkaska, visited her nephew, Lou Smith, and family over Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Truman Smith, of Rockford, who also visited her father, W. S. Fuller, who is no better.

Near relatives came from Caledonia and other towns to remind Mrs. Hollis Brooks she had reached her forty-seventh birthday, April 28. Mrs. Brooks was greatly surprised and still more so when she was made the recipient of a number of very nice useful gifts.

Ashley Sabbath school has made the annual change of officers as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Lon Smith; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Will Hall; secretary and treasurer, Frank Wood. Children's day at the church the second Sunday in June, evening. Mrs. Stewart, of Kalkaska, was a welcome visitor to the Sunday school, April 28.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mason were called to Muir by the death of A. Seabrook, known as "Jo," who was a former resident here; also his wife, who lived for years with Mr. and Mrs. Mason, having for them a daughter's love, they holding for the bereaved family a parental love. Mrs. Seabrook with four sons and one daughter are left to mourn a good kind husband and father.

Relatives here received the sad message last week that Mrs. Sewell Abby had passed away at her home in Tru-fant. Mrs. Abby was the daughter of one of our first pioneers, Jared Watkins, who died many years ago, and sister of Messrs. Jason and O. I. Watkins, well known. Both Mr. and Mrs. Abby were long residents here, Mr. Abby building the store now occupied by Messrs. Lessiter & Whitten.

KEENE.

Crompton Bros. have rented the Newton farm.

Mrs. Minnie Bowen is working for Mrs. W. H. Hunt.

Dewitt Spears has hired out to Fred Laucks for the summer.

Miss Anna Potruff, of Fallasburg, is working at J. M. Laux's.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Kohn visited in Greenville the fore part of the week. Morgan Titus has his new house finished and will move there next week.

About 14 teams went to Belding, Saturday, to get lumber for Mr. Daniels.

Henry Compton lost a valuable horse last week. He bought another of B. F. Wilkinson.

J. M. Laux is improving the looks of his farm by tearing down fences and grubbing hedges.

Mr. Loomis, who has been living for the past year with John Vanderbrock, moved on his own place, Monday.

SMYRNA.

D. Newcomb is on the sick list. Mrs. Dwight Sheldon was in Ionia, Monday.

James Spencer is now a resident of Smyrna.

Listen for wedding bells in this vicinity in the near future.

C. S. Cowles sold eight nice fat hogs last week to Belding parties.

Mrs. Lucy Choate visited Mrs. Leroy Witt, of Belding, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed. Cowies visited her sister, Mrs. John Hinds, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cowles were in Grand Rapids last Friday and Saturday.

Sam Davis recently lost a valuable two year old colt by getting cast in the stall.

Deck Hoppough, of North Dakota, is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Charles Westbrook has got his stomach chock full of farming and moved back to Lowell.

Amos Russel, of Chadwick, has moved to Smyrna. Mr. Russel was formerly a resident of this place.

W. R. Tebbel is making great improvements in his flouring mill, and will soon be able to turn out his best flour with despatch.

Mrs. Dr. Ford, who has been with her sister, Mrs. C. L. Smith, through the last sickness and death of Mr. Smith, returned to Cedar Springs, Monday.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Northway had some bad luck while on their way to Orrin Ford's. When crossing a bridge near George Williams' farm, their horse stepped through a hole in the bridge and fell on its side, breaking the harness and both thills. Mr. Northway borrowed an outfit of a near neighbor and continued on his journey.

Last week Tuesday, while Orson Peterson's children were at play, one of them accidentally ran against his four year old son, knocking him down on a stone in such a shape as to break his leg near the thigh. The bone was splintered very bad. Doctors Bell and Martin was called. They found the leg in a very bad shape and it took them five hours hard work to get the splintered bone in shape and cared for properly. The boy is doing well at this writing.

PALO.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Eply were in Ionia on Thursday.

Wm. Wilder and wife made a business trip to Ionia, Monday.

Numerous bonfires denote a general cleaning up process going on in our village.

M. Greenwalt is closing a job of mason work for Wm. Jones, of West Ronald.

The surplus potato crop in this vicinity is nearly all sold. Those who held their crop till recently have realized very fair prices.

A. Huggins has secured the mail route from Palo to Shiloh for the next four years. He will carry the mail twice daily after July 1, 1895.

Some sheep supposed to have been killed by dogs, were found on Mrs. H. VanVleck's farm a few days ago,

but the worthless curs have escaped so far.

E. Rork came home Saturday to meet the representative of a Grand Rapids wagon manufacturing firm. Mr. Rork returned to Lansing, Monday afternoon.

John Gauss and son have their old blacksmith shop nearly torn down and when the job is done, they will immediately commence the erection of a new and more commodious building. They have fitted up a temporary shop in which to serve their customers till their new building is completed.

The weather during the past two weeks has been remarkably favorable for spring seeding and many of our farmers have finished sowing oats and barley. The only drawback to remarkably fine spring weather is a lack of rain, from which wheat and grass are beginning to suffer materially. Wheat in this vicinity is reported nearly all marketed and there seems to be a dearth of that article for local milling purposes.

The mysterious illness of Miss Marion Bourden which for some little time created considerable talk and excitement and has baffled the diagnostic skill of three learned M. D's, who held a grave consultation over the case, and, we hear, concluded it was some new and strange disease and might be contagious, her brother, Page, informs your scribe, has turned out to be a case of German measles, and now we all breathe freely again. Page said his sister had visited friends in Belding where the disease is somewhat prevalent and had come in contact with the contagion and the natural results followed.

ALTON.

Jesse Frost of Lowell was in Alton Sunday.

Mr. Beck now occupies the old Carver house.

Wm. Condon went to Greenville, Saturday.

Fred Jones, of Grattan, visited at Otis White's, Sunday.

Otis White was fixing up the White cemetery lots, Monday.

The Swiss band went to Grattan Centre, Sunday, to play.

Mrs. Blosser, Sr., and Mrs. All Biggs are both very sick.

Perry Campbell commenced work for Fred Ford, Monday morning.

Fred Ford and family moved into their new home last Thursday.

Mrs. Alice Brown purchased a cow of Rent Vanderbrock last week.

Segel Norman and aunt, Mrs. Carl, called on Alton friends, Sunday.

Will Bliss and family, of Grattan, visited at Orrin Ford's, Sunday.

The Alton church trustees met, Monday, at the church for business.

Merritt Scofield was home, Sunday, from McCord where he is at work.

John Hopeman, Abe Fites and Chris Blosser, all have very sick horses.

Lawyer E. A. Mayer, of Grand Rapids, was the guest of Richard McGee, Monday.

John Denton, of Coral, visited his wife at her father's, Pat Houlihan, a few days last week.

Wm. Delaney went to Irving with a load of household goods for Mrs. James Delaney, last Thursday.

The Altons and Grant clubs played the first of the week with the following results, Alton 18, Grant 15.

Mrs. Geo. Armstrong and mother, Mrs. Nesbitt of Cannonsburg, were the guests of Mrs. D. N. Church, Saturday.

Messrs. W. B. Reed, W. H. Rickey, and G. F. Smith, of Belding, wheeled

through Alton, Sunday, enroute for Lowell.

E. Campbell's folks left last week Thursday for their new home at Lowell. They have resided here for 16 years and have made many friends who feel loathe to part with them. They were always ready in time of sickness or trouble to lend a helping hand and we shall miss them very much.

(Last Week's Letter.)

Mrs. Bert Norton is getting better. Richard McGee was in Grand Rapids, Monday.

Bert Campbell, of Odessa, rode home on his wheel, Saturday.

David Condon visited at Geo. Gend-er's in Oakfield last week.

Willie Converse fell from a horse and broke his arm last Thursday.

R. B. Davis and wife Sundayed with her mother, Mrs. Towns, of Orleans.

Mrs. Graham, of Lowell, visited her father, W. S. Fuller, Sunday, who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. White, of Lowell, spent Sunday with the family of Warren Ford.

Mr. Madison formerly of this place, but now of Stanton, has gone to reside with his son Charles.

Mrs. Helen Elsby, of Cortland, visited her mother and brother Maurice Trumbull last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, of Fallasburg, were guests at Warren Ford's one day last week.

Mr. Simmons went to Stanton last week to move Mrs. Madison down here to her daughters, Mrs. All Biggs.

C. R. Porter was called by telegram to Muskegon, last week Thursday, to attend the funeral of his oldest brother.

Mrs. Westbrook, of Lowell, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. David Condon, also her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Condon, of Otisco.

Z. H. Covert, of Lowell, was in Alton a few days last week helping D. A. Church set out peach trees in place of those that winter killed.

Mrs. J. Goble went to Grand Rapids last week Friday to visit her brother who has just returned from Florida, and a sister who has just passed through the ordeal of having a cancer removed.

LONG LAKE.

Dora Dow is quite sick. Merritt Spencer has gone to Falkaska.

Josh Oakley Sundayed at Kim King's.

It is rather dry plowing for this time of year.

Will Wellman was in Bushnell, Thursday.

Chas. Whitford and mother visited in Belding, Sunday.

John Spencer and wife visited friends at Sheridan, Sunday.

Forest fires are getting in their work north of Ravell's mill.

Bert Dickinson and family have moved in the Sheldon house in Fair-plains and will work for Wm. Smith this summer.

SHILOH.

F. W. Maynard and wife Sundayed in Belding.

John Pratt has purchased a farm near Amsden.

Mrs. Chas. Gilmore entertained her mother Sunday.

F. Cummings was the guest of L. P. Gupitill, Sunday.

Rev. Brown, of Woodard Lake, preached a very fine sermon at the church, Sunday.

Rev. W. E. Ogden and Rev. F. A. VanDeWalker will hold revival meet-

ings here in a few days.

W. I. Crippen and H. H. Decker have been giving the depot a thorough overhauling and painting.

N. H. Strong & Co. have moved their tie mill up north-east of Fenwick where they have settled on a forty acre tract of timber.

Dr. A. Donders has rented the Soules farm and intends moving on soon. He is going to practice medicine and farm the odd moments.

The party given for the benefit of Clarence Ives, Friday night, was well attended; receipts \$18.20. Mr. Ives contemplates going to Colorado or some other western state for his health.

GRATTAN-OTISCO.

Will Spicer is on the sick list. Erie Green is much improved in health.

Peddlers are thicker than crows on a carion in this vicinity.

Ora Emmons runs the road with a new buggy. Watch out girls.

Don't forget the social with Mrs. Wakeman, Friday afternoon, May 3rd.

C. W. Joslin, of Smyrna, was in these parts last week selling binder twine.

G. D. Reed left for Grand Rapids April 22, where he intends to make it

his home.

Mrs. John Emmons has returned from Grand Rapids. She left her sis-ter gaining rapidly.

Mrs. Nancy Cook was called to Port-land, Monday, by the sickness of her daughter, Mrs. Cornell.

Mrs. Will Richmond and daughter, of Belding, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Cook.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents in Grattan township, Sunday evening, April 28, Mr. George Tuttle and Miss Cora Green, both of this township. Congratulations.

KIDDVILLE.

Jason Rich, of Fishville, is calling on old friends here.

Ora Twiner, of Sunfield, was in this vicinity last week.

The school in the Blystone district commenced last Monday.

Solomon Keefer, of McBrides, has rented Chas. Hagadorn's farm for one year.

The residence of Eugene Fox burned Saturday. Part of the contents were saved. No insurance.

Rev. David Ingham will preach in the Blystone school house next Sun-day afternoon at two o'clock.

B. C. Hines has been making great improvements in the highway in front of his farm. Let the good work go on.

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we can undersell the best of them. Silk lined Fedora at 95c, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, just a little below any one else in Michigan. Stiff hats at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Yatching caps at 25c and 50c, in all the latest shades and colors. We will show you the newest styles and give you the Bottom Prices.

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